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TAGS: PFOR, OAS, PN

SUBJECT: ORFILA VISIT

1. OAS SECRETARY GENERAL ALEJANDRO ORFILA VISITED PANAMA JAN. 7-10, AT CHIEF OF GOVERNMENT TORRIJOS' INVITATION. ORFILA'S VISIT RECEIVED PROMINENT AND FAVORABLE MEDIA COVERAGE, PARTICULARLY AS HE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM OVER U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS UNDER THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION.

2. ORFILA MET WITH TORRIJOS ON JAN. 8 AT LATTER'S FARALLON BEACH HOUSE. IN THEIR CONVERSATION ORFILA, ACCORDING TO RELIABLE PRESS REPORTS, REFERRED TO A PRIOR INTERVIEW OF HIS WITH SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE DURING WHICH VANCE SPOKE OF HIS UNDERSTANDING AND "DEEP IMPRESSION" OF THE PANAMA PROBLEM. ORFILA PRAISED SEORRIJOS FOR HIS PRUDENCE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND COMMENDED HIS POLICY OF "WITHOUT HASTE, BUT WITHOUT PAUSE".

3. TORRIJOS SAID HE PLANNED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH ORFILA ON THE CANAL AND OTHER LA ISSUES, AND THANKED HIM FOR HIS ASSISTANCE TO DATE ON THE CANAL PROBLEM.

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